

**Oxford Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2021**

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Mike, Harlan, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read with Mike approving them, and Harlan Bellin seconding them. Peggy gave a treasurer's report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan Bellin seconded it.

**Roads**

1. MSA
  - a. For the Typo Creek Drive update, there is not much new. Mike Miller said the new culvert looks great.
  - b. Ordinance Amendment Assistance- Claire from MSA presented the proposed planning assistance agreement for Oxford. She also said that they would also be willing to represent us at any county meetings if needed. Mike talked a bit about an issue we had with a development on Baylor street a couple of years ago. That development has cluster housing at the north and south end with an exception in the middle. What our township wants to accomplish is to be smarter with where the exceptions go and how to better help developers with their plats. That said, we have a preliminary plat from Graphic Homes on our agenda today. Mike asked if Claire would be willing to stay on for the plat presentation.
2. Mark Faust was on the call and has some questions about trucks hauling from Mark Bellin's gravel pit. Mark is concerned about the dust on the road, and there was some discussion on long and short term solutions for the issue. Mark relayed that there is concern from other homeowners, and that the community has changed since the conditional use permit (CUP) has been granted. Mark has also talked to the county, and the CUP was issued in May of 1999 as a Conditional use for mining. He mentioned that in 1999 there were no guidelines, which was

acceptable at that point in time. But now, he thinks a brainstorming session with the necessary stakeholders would be a good idea. Harlan said that he has heard Buster hopes to be done trucking by the end of June since the black dirt is basically gone and Buster is retiring. Mark asked if Buster will sell off the pit, but Mike said that even if he does sell, the CUP cannot be transferred. Harlan will confirm with Buster that he will be done hauling this year and when he will be officially retired. Also, Mike said Oxford is planning to put gravel on the road from the pit to CR 12, and hopefully that will be an incentive for the trucks to run that way. Mark asked if once Oxford puts the limestone in, is it agreed on that the runs will go west? Mike stated that the trucks can go where they want to go, and the township can't dictate a route to them. Mark would like a commitment and document in the next meeting minutes before he takes it to the next level. He has a bunch of solutions and would be happy to host a brainstorming session so everyone can mutually agree on a solution moving forward. Linnea will put this as an agenda item for the June meeting.

3. Don Lynch asked if we have heard anything on the grant for Baylor. Mike replied that they are talking about giving notice in June as to where the grant money is going.
4. There is a refrigerator to be picked up on 253<sup>rd</sup> between Nebula and Apollo.

### **Old Business**

1. Isanti Area Joint Fire District update. Harlan said there were 97 calls last month and they are still trying to hire more firefighters. He said they discussed the joint power agreement, but did not take long as there wasn't much to say. The next meeting is at station 3 a week from tomorrow.
2. Broadband update- Doyle from TruSpeed talked through a powerpoint presentation regarding a Grant Funded Service Proposal for Rural Broadband Internet. Doyle said that the Navy gave up a radio frequency in 2020 which allows them to send a digital signal from towers to a modem/router in the home. This is a point to point service and the signal can go 9 miles. Doyle discussed the towers available in our area, and mores specifics around the the Stacy Tower

proposal. Mark Faust currently has service off of a tower, and asked what it would take to have the monthly premiums lower. Mike Miller thanked Doyle for presenting and said that we have a good idea of what they are offering. He would like to reconvene once we find out the funding situation, and once we get a better idea of how much the average person in Oxford township is willing to pay on a monthly basis. Doyle said they are willing to work closely with our township, and look forward to working with us. Linnea gave a report of Linwood township's strategy to provide broadband for their residents. Mike asked if there is a checklist of what to look for when going into business with others.

### **New Business**

1. Graphic Homes Plat was presented by Kyle Roddy. At the SW corner of 9 and 18, 8 lots will be going to a culdesac exiting at CR 18. This is a preliminary plat and they still need to go through the whole process at the county. Kyle just wants to know that Oxford has no objection with this preliminary plat. Mike asked that MSA/Claire have some time to look at the plat. As for timeline, Kyle thinks that getting through the county process is going to take 2 months, so engineering plans hopefully will follow this timeline. They are targeting start of construction for the beginning of July. James asked Mike to forward the preliminary plat to MSA and they will be in correspondence with Mike and Kyle in the coming week.
2. Disaster Assessment Training- Tim Mattsson is Oxford township's disaster assessment team representative and gave a quick update. He said basically a team goes out and gathers information from any sort of disaster and this information is submitted to FEMA to see if the region qualifies for disaster aid.
3. Bart Perkins gave an update and will start hauling gravel to put on 259<sup>th</sup> when restrictions are lifted. He also did the tree trimming on 245<sup>th</sup> and looked at Pigeon Loft. He feels the majority of the road can be brush mowed. Mike would like the supervisors to take a road tour with him in a couple of weeks.

Mike Miller made a motion to end the meeting and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Linnea Lentz

Oxford Clerk

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